

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** serving more than 3 million students across the country, independent colleges and universities are dedicated to providing high quality, post-secondary educational opportunities; and

**WHEREAS,** these institutions have established an unparalleled record of excellence in teaching and nurturing students, adapting to ever-evolving student needs, technological advancements, and social trends while providing a full range of educational experiences; and

**WHEREAS,** independent colleges and universities in the Palmetto State share a common commitment to promoting critical thinking and creativity by preparing students for full lives, productive careers, and active citizenship.

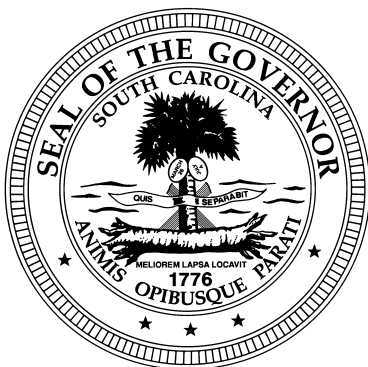
**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 18 - 22, 2005, as

**INDEPENDENT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY WEEK**

and April 20, 2005, as

**INDEPENDENT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY DAY**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize our independent colleges and universities for their positive contributions to ensuring our continued status as leaders in higher education.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford", is written over a horizontal line.

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**